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State Now Recommends Health Care Providers Test All Patients with COVID-19 Symptoms

Washington & Ozaukee Counties, WI –

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has released updated guidance on COVID-19 testing. Until now, testing has been prioritized for critically ill and hospitalized patients, long-term care facilities, healthcare personnel, or close contacts of a known positive case. Now, the State is encouraging health care providers to obtain COVID-19 testing for everyone who is symptomatic, even patients with mild symptoms.

COVID-19 symptoms can include fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, and body aches. Individuals that develop **any** of these symptoms should stay home and call their health care provider to be tested.

If you think you may have COVID-19, it is very important to call ahead before going to the clinic or hospital, unless it is an emergency, in order to keep other people from getting infected. Your doctor will provide instructions on where to get tested.

To learn more about COVID-19, visit www.coronavirus.gov or visit the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department website at www.washozwi.gov.

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